Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A swing frame structure for construction machinery, said swing frame structure being arrangeable in a swing upperstructure and having a center frame composed of side plates and a reinforcement plate joined to each other, wherein:

said swing frame structure is provided with mating portions for bringing said side plates and said reinforcement plate into engagement with each other such that said side plates and said reinforcement plate are positioned relative to each other, and further wherein said mating portions comprise ~~mortise~~ lug and ~~tenon~~ hole joints, respectively, and said ~~mortise~~ lug and ~~tenon~~ hole joints comprise holes formed through said side plates and lugs formed on said reinforcement plate such that said lugs can be inserted into said holes, respectively; and

wherein said side plates are each provided with a lifting hole for enabling to lift said construction machinery, a hole for a boom foot pin and a hole for a boom cylinder pin, and said holes in each of said side plates are each formed at a position below a line connecting a center of the corresponding hole for said boom

foot pin with a center of the corresponding lift hole but above a line connecting a center of the corresponding hole for said boom cylinder pin and said center of the corresponding lift hole.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A swing frame structure for construction machinery, said swing frame structure being arrangeable in a swing upperstructure and having a center frame composed of side plates and a bottom plate joined to each other, wherein:

said swing frame structure is provided with mating portions for bringing said side plates and said bottom plate into engagement with each other such that said side plates and said bottom plate are positioned relative to each other, and further wherein said mating portions comprise ~~mortise~~ lug and ~~tenon~~ hole joints, respectively, and said ~~mortise~~ lug and ~~tenon~~ hole joints are positioned on a side outside of a swing-wheel-mounting surface, and said ~~mortise~~ lug and ~~tenon~~ hole joints comprise holes formed through said bottom plate and lugs formed on said side walls such that said lugs can be inserted into said holes, respectively; and said side plates are arranged in a pair and opposite said bottom plate, said lugs are formed on said side plates, respectively, and said holes in which said lugs are to be inserted are formed through said bottom plate.

Claims 7-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Amended) A swing frame structure for construction machinery, said swing frame structure being arrangeable in a swing upperstructure and being composed of a tail frame including frame members with upper flanges and a center frame including side plates, said upper flanges of said frame member and said side plates having been joined to each other by welding, wherein:

said upper flanges of said frame members are provided with openings formed at front end portions thereof, and said side plates are inserted in said openings, respectively, and said side plates are provided with stepped portions at portions thereof which are facing said openings of said upper flanges, respectively, and a height dimension of an upper step face and a lower step face, between which said stepped portion of each side plate is defined, is set greater than a thickness dimension of the corresponding one of said upper flanges.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Amended) A swing frame structure according to claim 17, wherein weld portions are formed between said stepped portions of said side plates and walls of said openings of the corresponding upper flanges, between

the upper faces of said upper flanges and side walls of the corresponding side plates, between front end faces of said upper flanges and said side walls of the corresponding side plates, and between lower faces of said upper flanges and said side walls of the corresponding side plates, respectively.

20. (Original) A swing frame structure according to claim 17, wherein said openings are each formed in a turned, square U shape as viewed in plan.

21. (Original) A swing frame structure according to claim 17, wherein said front end portion formed in said front end portion of each of said upper flanges is formed in a tapered shape as viewed in plan.